

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A computer system comprising a plurality of computers, first and second servers connected to said computers via a network, a backup server connected to said second server off said network, and a storage system connected to said first and second servers off said network, with said storage system comprising a plurality of storage devices and a storage controller which controls said plurality of storage devices, wherein:

said first server comprises:

a first memory which stores a first program; and

a first CPU which executes said first program;

said second server comprises:

a second memory which stores a second program; and

a second CPU which executes said second program;

said second program comprises:

a part for making a request to said first server via said network for information necessary for said second server to back up a file to said backup server as a backup object, said file being stored in said storage system and logically set with a path to said first server when said request is made;

said first program comprises:

a part which responds to said request by sending said second server, via said network, an identifier of a second storage device in said storage system that stores duplicate data of said file; and

said second program further comprises:

a part which obtains backup data from said duplicate data from said second storage device off said network, based on said identifier; and

a part which sends the obtained backup data to said backup server off said network.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) A computer system according to Claim 1, wherein:
said second program further comprises a part which sets the second server with a path to said second storage device off said network, based on said identifier.

4. (Currently amended) A computer system according to Claim 1, wherein:
said file is stored in a first storage device in said storage system; and
said first program further comprises a part which inhibits write into said file in said first storage device while said file is being duplicated to said second storage device, and which writes inhibited data, waiting to be written into said file, into said first storage device while said file is being duplicated.

5. (Previously presented) A computer system according to Claim 1, wherein:

said first program further comprises:

a part which sends said storage system an ID of a port connected to said second storage device; and

a part which receives the identifier of said second storage device, with said identifier being sent by said storage system in response to receipt of said ID.

6. (Original) A computer system according to Claim 1, wherein:

said request includes a directory name of the backup object.

7. (Currently amended) A first server connected to a plurality of ~~computers, computers and~~ a second server via a network, and off said network to a backup server and a storage system that comprises a plurality of storage devices and a storage controller which controls said plurality of storage devices, wherein:

said first server comprises:

a memory which stores a program; and

a CPU which executes said program;

and

said program comprises:

a part which inhibits write into a file as a backup object, in response to a request by said second server via said network for information necessary for said second server to back up said file to said backup server off said network, said file being stored in said storage system and set with a path to said first server when said request is made;

a part which generates duplicate data of said file; and

a part which writes inhibited data, waiting to be written into said file, into a first storage device in said storage system in which said file is stored, while said file is being duplicated;

and

a part which sends said second server, via said network, an identifier of a second storage device in said storage system that stores said duplicate data.

8. (Previously presented) A first server according to Claim 7, wherein:
said program further comprises:

a part which sends said storage system an ID of a port connected to said second storage device; and

a part which receives the identifier of said second storage device, with said identifier being sent by said storage system in response to receipt of said ID.

9. (Original) A first server according to Claim 7, wherein:
said request includes a directory name of the backup object.

10. (Currently amended) A second server connected to a plurality of ~~computers~~, computers and a first server via a network, and off said network to a backup up server and a storage system that comprises a plurality of storage devices and a storage controller for controlling said plurality of storage devices, wherein:

said second server comprises:

a memory which stores a second program; and
a CPU which executes said program;
and

said second program comprises:

a part which makes a request to said first server via said network for information necessary for said second server to back up a file to said backup server as a backup object, said file being stored in said storage system and set with a path to said first server when said request is made;

a part which receives, via said network, an identifier of a second storage device in said storage system that stores duplicate data of said file, from said first ~~server; and~~ server;

a part which obtains backup data from said duplicate data from said second storage device off said network, based on said identifier; and

a part which sends the obtained backup data to said backup server.

11. (Currently amended) A second server according to Claim 10, wherein:
said second program further comprises a part which sets the second server with a path to said second storage device off said network, based on said identifier.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) A second server according to Claim 10, wherein:
said request includes a directory name of the backup object.

14. (Currently amended) A backup method for performing backup in a computer system comprising a plurality of computers, first and second servers connected to said computers via a network, a backup server connected to said second server off said network, and a storage system connected to said first and second servers off said network, with said storage system comprising a plurality of storage devices and a storage controller which controls said plurality of storage devices, wherein:

said second server makes a request, via said network, to said first server for information necessary for said second server to back up a file to said backup server as a backup object, said file being stored in said storage system and set with a path to said first server when said request is made;

said first server sends an identifier, via said network, of a second storage device in said storage system that stores duplicate data of said file, in response to said ~~request~~; and request;

said second server obtains backup data from said duplicate data from said second storage device off said network, based on said identifier; and

said second server sends the obtained backup data to said backup server.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) A backup method according to Claim 14, wherein:

said second server sets the second server with a path to said second storage device off said network, based on said identifier.

17. (Currently amended) A backup method according to Claim 14, wherein:
said first server inhibits write into said file, and writes inhibited data, waiting to be written into said file, into a first storage device in said storage system in which said file is stored, while said file is being duplicated.

18. (Previously presented) A backup method according to Claim 14, wherein:
said first server sends said storage system an ID of a port connected to said second storage device, and receives the identifier of said second storage device, with said identifier being sent by said storage system in response to receipt of said ID.

19. (Original) A backup method according to Claim 14, wherein:
said request includes a directory name of the backup object.